

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An aromatic oligomer represented by the following formula (1);



wherein A is a unit comprising (a) ~~30-90 wt%~~ of a bicyclic or tricyclic aromatic compound and (b) ~~10-70 wt%~~ of a phenol compound, F is methylene or a mixture of methylene and  $-CH_2OCH_2-$  and n is a number of 1-100, and the oxygen content is 20% or less.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) An aromatic oligomer as described in claim 1 which is obtained by the reaction of one kind or two kinds or more of aromatic compounds selected from naphthalene, methylnaphthalene, dimethylnaphthalene, acenaphthene, fluorene, anthracene, phenanthrene, pyrene, benzothiophene and fluoranthene, one kind or two kinds or more of phenols selected from phenol and alkylphenols and one kind or two kinds or more of formaldehyde compound selected

from formalin, formaldehyde and paraformaldehyde and exhibits a softening point of 50-180°C.

5. (Original) A tackifier which comprises the aromatic oligomer described in claim 1 as an active ingredient.

6. (Original) A vibration damping agent which comprises the aromatic oligomer described in claim 1 as an active ingredient.